

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/544,801)
Filed: April 7, 2000)
Art Unit: 2826)
Examiner: Fazli Erdem)
Confirmation No: 1717)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR FABRICATING THE SAME)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of the cited references is submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

ENTRY AND CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), it is requested that this IDS be considered by the Patent Office as it is being filed before payment of the issue fee or issuance of a final rejection, is

accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) and is accompanied by the following statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1):

Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The Japanese references disclosed herein were cited by the Chinese Patent Office in the first Office Action mailed to Applicants on April 4, 2008, in counterpart Chinese application no. CN 200610073781.2, which shares the same Japanese priority application as the present application.

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

The citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of any document herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent

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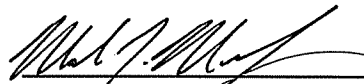
Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

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If any additional fee is required for this IDS, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), this IDS should be entered and considered at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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